

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A cutting tool for sheet material, comprising:
an elongate guide member having a longitudinal guide channel formed therein;
a support arm attached to said guide member, said support arm including a substantially U-shaped portion extending in a plane intersecting and transverse to an orientation of said guide member and a substantially linear portion extending across said guide member, said guide member and said linear portion defining a space therebetween;
a body piece with a handle and a cutting assembly, said body piece being slidable across said guide member and selectively securable along said linear portion of said support arm; and
said body piece and said cutting assembly being movable relative
to a workpiece positioned at least in part by said guide member, thereby engaging said cutting assembly and said workpiece at a cut line oriented substantially parallel said guide channel.
2. (ORIGINAL) The cutting tool of claim 1 wherein said cutting assembly comprises a holder member and two cutter wheels.
3. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 2 wherein said holder member comprises:
an upper cutter wheel having a first cutting surface; and
a lower cutter wheel having a second cutting surface;

an interface of said first and said second cutting surfaces defines said cut line.

4. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 3 wherein said body piece comprises:

an inner side facing a first direction defined by said support arm, said first direction being toward said substantially U-shaped portion; and

an outer side facing a second direction defined by said support arm that is opposite said first direction;

said holder member is attached to said body piece on said outer side, whereby a sliding of said body piece along said support arm in said first direction can bring said body piece across said guide member, and position said cut line substantially adjacent thereto.

5. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 1 wherein said body piece is coupled to said support arm by a slider member;

said slider member includes an interior channel with a non-circular cross section which slidably receives said support arm, and is securable to said support arm with a bolt.

6. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 1 wherein said guide member comprises a roughly C-shaped cross section

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of cutting sheeted material, comprising the steps of:

providing an elongated guide member attached to a support arm having a substantially U-shaped portion and a linear portion, the guide member having a longitudinal channel formed therein and being oriented substantially perpendicular the support arm;

providing a body piece with a handle and at least one cutter, the body piece being coupled to the support arm and slidable thereon between a first position at which said body piece and cutter are adjacent the guide member and a plurality of additional positions at which the body piece and cutter are laterally displaced from said guide member; and

selecting a cutting width by moving the body piece along the support arm and securing the same at a selected position thereon.

8. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 7 wherein the selecting step comprises sliding the body piece in a direction transverse to an orientation of the guide member, and securing the body piece with a bolt, thereby positioning the cutter a predetermined distance from the guide member, the predetermined distance defining a workpiece cutting width.

9. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A cutting tool for sheet material comprising:
an elongate guide member with a longitudinal channel for receipt of a workpiece, said guide member defining a longitudinal axis;

a support arm attached to said guide member and oriented substantially perpendicular thereto and lying substantially in a plane intersecting and transverse to said axis, said support arm comprising a substantially U-shaped portion and a linear portion extending across said guide member;

a body piece including a cutter, and having an attached handle, said body piece slidable on said support arm across said guide member;

wherein a sliding of the sheet material in said channel engages said cutter with said workpiece for cutting thereof in a direction substantially parallel said axis.

10. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 9 wherein said cutter comprises a holder member with an upper cutter wheel and a lower cutter wheel;

said upper and said lower cutter wheels each including a cutting surface;

said cutting surfaces being positioned in substantially the same plane, said plane oriented parallel said axis.

11. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 9 wherein said body piece is slidably coupled to said support arm with a slider member;

said slider member receives said support arm in a close clearance fashion, and is securable thereto with a wing bolt, affixing said body piece and the associated cutter to said support arm.

12. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A cutting tool for sheet material, comprising:
an elongate guide member having generally opposing first and second sides;

a body piece with a handle and an attached cutting assembly;

a support arm attached to said guide member and slidably supporting said body piece, said support arm attached at said first side and having a linear portion extending across said guide member and oriented substantially perpendicular thereto, wherein said linear portion is

sufficiently displaced from said guide member to accommodate said body piece at either of said first and second sides thereof;

said body piece and said included cutting assembly being movable relative to a workpiece positioned at least in part by said guide member, thereby engaging said cutting assembly and said workpiece at a cut line; and

wherein said cutting assembly comprises a holder member and two opposed cutter wheels, each having cutting edges lying substantially in a plane that is parallel an orientation of said guide member which act to cut the workpiece at the cut line.

13. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 12 wherein said holder member has an upper portion, a medial portion and a lower portion;

an upper cutter wheel is attached to said upper portion and includes a first cutting surface;

a lower cutter wheel is attached to said lower portion and includes a second cutting surface; and

an interface of said first and said second cutting surfaces defines said cut line on said workpiece.

14. (ORIGINAL) The cutting tool of claim 13 wherein said holder member comprises a unitary piece.

15. (ORIGINAL) The cutting tool of claim 14 wherein said body piece is a cube coupled to said support arm by a slider member;

said slider member includes an interior channel with a generally square cross section which slidably receives said support arm, and is securable to said support arm with a wing bolt;

said body piece is slidable along said support arm in a direction transverse to the orientation of said guide member, thereby varying the distance between said cut line and an edge of said workpiece positioned by said guide member.

16. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 1 wherein said guide member comprises:

substantially parallel top and bottom walls; and

a rear wall attached along longitudinal edges to said top and bottom walls and oriented substantially perpendicular thereto, said top, bottom and rear walls defining said guide channel;

wherein said guide member is adapted to guide a workpiece, said top and bottom walls preventing displacement of the workpiece from said channel.

17. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The cutting tool of claim 1 wherein said linear portion of said support arm is sufficiently displaced from said guide member to accommodate sliding of said body piece across said guide member.

18. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A cutting tool for sheet material, comprising:
an elongate guide member defining a longitudinal axis, said guide member having first and second sides and defining a channel extending along said second side and aligned with said axis, said guide member comprising opposite wall portions adapted to maintain a workpiece edge between the same;

a single support arm lying substantially in a plane intersecting and transverse to said axis, said support arm having a first end attached to said guide member, and a second, free end, said support arm further comprising a substantially U-shaped arcuate portion extending from said first side of said guide member, and a substantially linear portion extending across and spaced from said guide member;

a body piece with a handle slidably coupled to said support arm, said body piece slidable across said guide member and selectively securable along said support arm between a position proximate said arcuate portion and a plurality of positions displaced from said arcuate portion, said body piece supported solely by said single support arm;

a cutter mounted to said body piece and comprising at least one cutting element oriented in a cutting direction substantially aligned with said axis;

wherein said tool is adapted to move along a workpiece having an edge positioned in said channel, thereby effecting a cutting or scoring thereof.